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## **New England Cattle Inventory Up 1 Percent**

New England cattle and calves totaled 468 thousand on January 1, 2016, according to Gary Keough, State Statistician of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, New England Field Office. Total cattle and calves were up 1 percent from the January 1 total of the previous year.

### **Cattle and Calves Report Highlights**

#### **Connecticut:**

- Milk cows, which comprise 39 percent of the total cattle in Connecticut, numbered 19,000 head, unchanged from January of the previous year.
- Milk cow replacement heifers totaled 8,500 head, up 6 percent from a year ago.
- Beef cows totaled 6,000 head, up 20 percent from a year ago.
- Beef cow replacement heifers totaled 2,500 head, unchanged from the previous year.
- Other heifers and steers weighing 500 pounds or more, which are normally on feed for slaughter, were up 20 percent to 3,000 head.
- Bulls weighing 500 pounds or more were unchanged from previous year at 500 head.
- Calf crop totaled 19,500 head, up 3 percent from a year ago.

#### **Maine:**

- Milk cows, which comprise 37 percent of the total cattle in Maine, numbered 30,000 head, unchanged from January of the previous year.
- Milk cow replacement heifers totaled 15,000 head, down 6 percent from a year ago.
- Beef cows totaled 10,000 head, down 9 percent from a year ago.
- Beef cow replacement heifers totaled 3,000 head, down 33 percent from the previous year.
- Other heifers and steers weighing 500 pounds or more, which are normally on feed for slaughter, were up 7 percent to 6,500 head.
- Bulls weighing 500 pounds or more were unchanged from the previous year at 1,500 head.
- Calf crop totaled 30,000 head, down 6 percent from a year ago.

#### **Massachusetts:**

- Milk cows, which comprise 32 percent of the total cattle in Massachusetts, numbered 12,000 head, down 4 percent from January of the previous year.
- Milk cow replacement heifers totaled 7,000 head, unchanged from a year ago.
- Beef cows totaled 6,000 head, up 9 percent from a year ago.
- Beef cow replacement heifers totaled 2,000 head, unchanged from the previous year.
- Other heifers and steers weighing 500 pounds or more, which are normally on feed for slaughter, were unchanged at 3,000 head.
- Bulls weighing 500 pounds or more were unchanged from the previous year at 1,000 head.
- Calf crop totaled 17,000 head, unchanged from a year ago.

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**New Hampshire:**

- Milk cows, which comprise 40 percent of the total cattle in New Hampshire, numbered 14,000 head, unchanged from January of the previous year.
- Milk cow replacement heifers totaled 6,000 head, up 9 percent from a year ago.
- Beef cows totaled 4,500 head, up 50 percent from a year ago.
- Beef cow replacement heifers totaled 1,000 head, unchanged from the previous year.
- Other heifers and steers weighing 500 pounds or more, which are normally on feed for slaughter, were up 67 percent from the previous year at 2,500 head.
- Bulls weighing 500 pounds or more were unchanged from the previous year at 500 head.
- Calf crop totaled 13,500 head, unchanged from a year ago.

**Rhode Island:**

- Milk cows, which comprise 18 percent of the total cattle in Rhode Island, numbered 900 head, unchanged from January of the previous year.
- Milk cow replacement heifers totaled 500 head, unchanged from a year ago.
- Beef cows totaled 1,500 head, unchanged from a year ago.
- Beef cow replacement heifers totaled 500 head, unchanged from the previous year.
- Other heifers and steers weighing 500 pounds or more, which are normally on feed for slaughter, were unchanged from the previous year at 700 head.
- Bulls weighing 500 pounds or more were unchanged from the previous year at 100 head.
- Calf crop totaled 2,200 head, unchanged from a year ago.

**Vermont:**

- Milk cows, which comprise 50 percent of the total cattle in Vermont, numbered 131,000 head, down 1 percent from January of the previous year.
- Milk cow replacement heifers totaled 55,000 head, down 2 percent from a year ago.
- Beef cows totaled 13,000 head, up 8 percent from a year ago.
- Beef cow replacement heifers totaled 5,000 head, up 25 percent from the previous year.
- Other heifers and steers weighing 500 pounds or more, which are normally on feed for slaughter, were unchanged at 9,000 head.
- Bulls weighing 500 pounds or more were unchanged from the previous year at 3,000 head.
- Calf crop totaled 110,000 head, up 5 percent from a year ago.

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